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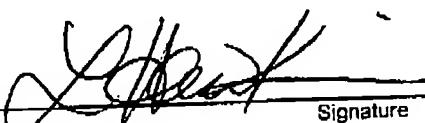
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Application No.: 10/786,329

Confirmation No.: 1956

Filed: February 26, 2004

Art Unit: 3641

For: PROCEDURE AND MEANS FOR  
REPLACING AND PROCEDURE FOR  
REPAIRING A SECTION OF A PIPE IN THE  
PRIMARY CIRCUIT OF A NUCLEAR  
REACTOR

Examiner: R. Palabrica

**LETTER SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit herewith an executed Department of Energy Statement in connection  
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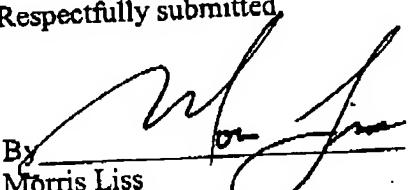
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"have significant utility in the conduct of aeronautical and space activities" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2457 (National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)).

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I (We) The undersigned  
 citizens of France  
 residing at France

declare:

That I (we) made and conceived the invention described and claimed in patent application:

Serial Number 10/786,329 filed in the United States of America on Feb. 26, 2004  
 titled Procedure and Means for Replacing and Procedure for Repairing a Section of  
a Pipe in the Primary Circuit of a Nuclear Reactor  
 (Check and complete either I or II below)

(Check III and/or IV below as appropriate)

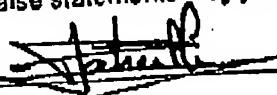
I. (For Inventors Employed by an Organization) That I (we) made and conceived this invention while employed by Framatome ANP. That the invention is related to the work I am (we are) employed to perform and was made within the scope of my (our) employment duties; That the invention was made during working hours and with the use of facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information and services of Framatome ANP. Other relevant facts are \_\_\_\_\_

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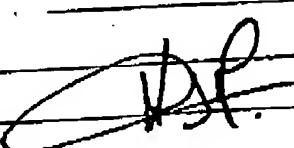
II. (For Self-Employed Inventors) That I (we) made and conceived this invention on my (our) own time using only my (our) own facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information and services. Other relevant facts are \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned inventor(s) declare further that all statements made herein of his or her (their) own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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